

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday May 13th, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nate Scramlin, Isaac Francisco, Joan Lenhard, Tirstan Walters,
Ravynne Gilmore, Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mike Dombrowski, Kimberly Whitfield

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 P.M. Foster Community Center

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added E and F to updates Greene-Szmadzinski moved to accept the agenda with additions, Walters seconded, passed unanimously

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. April 8th, 2026 Walters moved to accept as corrected, Francisco seconded, passed unanimously

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wentworth Park – There was a proposal for erecting a building at this park to convert steam to water. This plan has been delayed as the BWL is looking for other locations for this site.

B. Fenner Docks – Gabriel Biber presented some information about Fenner. The new All Outdoor preschool that will be starting this summer. Tuesday June 16th there will be an event 6:30-8 is a formal annual meeting and is open to the public. On June 30th there will be the grand opening for the new Fenner Nature School playground at the Sycamore Creek. They received a \$115K Grant from the Consumers Foundation to do ecological restoration. The docks at Fenner are part of an egress exit at the Nature Center and are slated to be repaired and the decks replaced. There is not a firm timeline on the deck repair and this will be sent for engineering design.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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V. UPDATES

A. Community Center Study – Over 600 survey results and the Director will be giving more information about this study to the board in the future. There will be some information provided about the desire by the community for community centers and what opportunities are important to the public.

B. Marshall Basketball Courts – Levit Stark will be constructing these and they are slated to complete these this Summer.

C. Moores Park Pool- There has been a construction delay related to code and this will not be opened in June. There is not a firm opening date yet but there will be more information on this soon.

D. Personnel Update – Looking for lifeguards. The supervisor for the gardens has been hired and there has been some delays in planting flowers this year due to staffing constraints and weather. The leisure services manager position has been posted.

E. Dunnebacke Park – The director received a complaint about way the garden project site looks currently and does not look like it is currently actively being gardened. The Old Oakland Neighborhood Organization is currently looking at different options for this site.

F. Reuter Park Fountain- The study on the repairs has been completed. The estimate for the repairs is now at 1.5 Million.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. St. Joseph Park
- B. Steve Bell – Fireworks in the Park
- C. FOLHC – 19TH Annual Geranuim May 16th at 10am

VII. **INFORMATION**

VIII. **REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski did not receive an agenda and the director committed to making sure that staff will provide the agenda to the board several days prior to the meeting.

Ravynne Gilmore would like to show appreciation to the board for the work on completing the projects.

Isaac Francisco would like to send a word of appreciation to Ana Henriques for her continued volunteering work based in St Joe Park. He also appreciates the input from the Westside Neighborhood Organization and other community groups to inform future decisions regarding St Joe Park

Isaac Francisco also gave a word of appreciation to the Mid Michigan Mountain Bike Association for their recent volunteering work in trash pickup and trail maintenance in the area around Fine Park

Tirstan Walters wanted to thank the staff and volunteers for the Sparkle Sprint and talked about the great opening of Strike Out Baseball. He asked the director about the current baseball programming.

Joan Lenhard let us know that there will be an expansion of the Blue Star Memorial Garden portion of Francis Park. They will also be placing a tree in Francis Park. There were also some litter and maintenance issues at Scott Sunken Garden.

IX. **STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS**

All meetings of the Park Board shall be open to the public. Those in attendance shall have the opportunity to speak on any issue related to parks and recreation services not otherwise on the agenda at the end of the meeting and may speak on any agenda issue during the meeting after park board members have had an opportunity to discuss the issue or prior to the board voting on the issue. The President may impose a time limit on public comments.

Don Dean provided a photo of the gate at Bankroft that needs some repairs.

Lenhard moved to close the meeting, Walters supported, passed unanimously at 8:07